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Applicant: Holger BIRK et al.

Title: ARRANGEMENT FOR EXAMINING MICROSCOPE PREPARATIONS
WITH A SCANNING MICROSCOPE, AND ILLUMINATION DEVICE
FOR A SCANNING MICROSCOPE

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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Species C, Figure 3, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-3, 5-11, 15-18, and 26-33 read on the elected species.

Applicant, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141 and M.P.E.P. §821.04 (rejoinder).

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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